Tuition increase appears inevitable

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

Tuition and fees may further increase as the Legislature seeks ways to balance the state budget.

The State Legislature began their 105-day session on Monday to decide on the budget plan after the release of Governor Chris Gregoire’s proposal in December.

The grim revenue projections leave the state with an almost $5 billion deficit, due in major part to the economic downfall.

“In my 10 years in this position, this is the worst situation we have ever been in,” said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines.

The House and Senate are left to make severe budget cuts to fill the gap between the $30 billion budget and $4.6 billion revenue shortfall.

Due to a citizen’s initiative that was passed in November’s elections, two-thirds of both the House and Senate are now required to agree in order to raise taxes, said Upthegrove. The initiative makes it nearly impossible to increase taxes, leaving budget cuts as the solution to fill the hole.

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A hazy shade of winter

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Regent questions colleges’ quality

By KANDI CARLSON
Staff Reporter

A group of University of Washington and Washington State University reps – and the governor – called the quality of a community college education into question at a recent meeting.

The governor immediately backedpedaled on her statements, while a University of Washington regent, while claiming that he was misquoted in a UW Daily article, continues to say that starting out a community college isn’t the best way to get a bachelor’s degree.

Highline officials responded by saying that other statistics show that transfer students do rather well at four-year schools.

Governor Christine Gregoire, speaking at the meeting in Pullman in late December, was quoted as saying that community colleges are admitting too many students, which is sacrificing the quality of education at the state’s 34 community and technical colleges.

The state’s two-year college system maintains an open-door admissions policy by law, and the governor backtracked on Jan. 3, when she said that she supports the current policy.

“Governor Gregoire believes community colleges’ strong academic and wide range of technical training contribute to high...”

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Bring those rainboots tomorrow.

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MaST puts its tentacles back on campus

By CODY WARB Staff Reporter

The Marine Science and Technology Center’s winter repairs are almost complete from the storm that hit hard on Nov. 22 during Fall Quarter.

“The MaST is functional because of the hard work of the MaST staff and with the help of the Facilities Department,” said Rus Higley manager and instructor at the MaST.

The Facilities Department however fixed some electrical problems. There are still repairs to be done to the exterior of the building but are waiting on a contractor to take the bid.

The MaST staff has also been looking into how the whale is doing that Highline received during Spring Quarter 2010. The whale was flensed on May 8th of last year and has since been in the horse mane.

“The bones have been buried in horse manure for the past three months and the project is moving along very well,” said Rus Higley manager of the MaST.

Student becomes sick due to cigarette smoke

A Highline student became sick due to an allergic reaction caused by the smell of cigarette smoke in Building 30 on Jan. 6. When a security officer arrived on the scene, the female student was lying on the hallway floor breathing heavily. She recovered after she took her medication.

Aggressive panhandler reported on campus

A panhandler was asking students and staff for money and grabbing door handles of cars in the east parking lot on Jan. 7. Security Officers conducted a curfew check of all the parking lots on campus to look for him, but he was not found.

Vehicle theft in east lot

A Toyota vehicle’s catalytic converter was cut off from underneath vehicle in the East Parking Lot on Dec. 29. It is estimated that loss of GPS system is $500, and that of converter is $500 – $1,000.

Then piece together all the bones and hang them in the MaST center.

The MaST center has a new Giant Pacific Octopus in the Aquarium. As of now we are adjusting the Octopus to its new home by keeping it in a dark tank. “The octopus measures an approximate 3 feet in arm span which is perfect for the space we have available,” Higley said.

The MaST center is hosting Science on the Sound seminars since it is now functional.

Fritz Stahr, president of the Ocean Inquiry Project, will be at the MaST center on Jan. 22 to discuss how ocean gliders are used to collect data. This is the second Science on the Sound Quarter.

“Thanks for all your support of the MaST Center. We have had over 10,000 visitors to the MaST this in 2010. It is something we should all be proud of,” Higley said.

For more information and directions to the MaST center visit mast.highline.edu.

Forensics finds Science Seminar

Amelia Philips will be discussing Digital Forensics in the Clouds at this week’s Science Seminar. The seminar is on Friday, Jan. 14 in Building 5, room 102, from 2.20 to 3.10 p.m.

Correction

A story In the Dec. 2 issue should have said Debra Gan- dy has a minor in marketing
Enrollment leads to long lines

By HUSSAIN RIZVI
and MALLORY MURRAY
Staff Reporters

Highline students reported long lines and lack of parking during the first week of the quarter. Student Brooks Allen said he waited an hour to buy a textbook for one of his classes. “I don’t really want to go back to get more books for my other class anytime soon, I might wait a week till the lines are shorter,” Allen said.

Highline student Gurit Khambada said, “I waited half an hour to buy a scanntron.”

“The registration line was absurd. I had to wait for almost an hour just to turn in an add slip form, it was very frustrating,” said Kaycie Morrison, a freshman at Highline.

The long lines are a regular feature of the start of every quarter, but were especially long last week because of high enrollment.

Highline has 8,229 students to start Winter Quarter, up about 2,000 from the start of Winter Quarter 2009.

“One reason the college is busy because of the high enrollment,” said Tonya Benton, Institutional Research director for the college.

“By the end of the quarter, numbers of the students are expected to be 10,500,” she said.

This leads to crowding at several places on campus.

“The bookstore, computer lab, and Building 6 are packed with long lines,” student Alexas Solis said.

Solis also said the parking lots are packed as always. “I never find parking close to my class, I always have to go all the way down to the parking lot near the main exit in my car there,” Solis said. “It’s amazing how many cars there are in the parking lot in the morning.”

“The busiest times in the parking lots are from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,” said Richard Noyser, the supervisor of Campus Safety.

Highline student Alison Baluca said her first class starts at 9 a.m. 6 in order to get parking, she gets here at 8 a.m. “I hate waking up early and getting here an hour early each day,” Baluca said.

“I love about 45 minutes away from Highline but I have to leave even earlier because of how busy and full the parking lots are by the time I get to school. Looking for a parking spot has made me late on multiple occasions,” said Alex Beckner, a sophomore at Highline.

“The lines are crazy to pay for a parking pass, buy books and pay for picture ID,” student Emily Semchuk said.

Campus employees say that many students don’t seem to plan ahead. “Everyone waits until the first day of school to get books,” said bookstore worker Rachel Buxton.

Buxton said the bookstore is doing its best to help reduce long lines by hiring more workers. “She said the bookstore normally has two cashiers, but because of the heavy traffic of students, the bookstore has six cashiers at the beginning of each quarter.

“The long lines seem to end after the first week of the quarter,” she said.

She says the alternative to avoiding the long lines in the bookstore is to come a week early to buy the books.

Student Raelena Nieves bought her books online so she didn’t have to wait for the new shipment for her books to come in, nor did she have to go search for books and stand in line at the bookstore.

Ordering books online can save you money by getting the first used books before they run out in the bookstore, said Nieves. Getting the books right away when you get to the bookstore and avoid waiting in line is one of the advantages of ordering online.

Highline computer science professor Ronald C. Davidson said the best time to buy books, talk to an advisor, find parking, or contact most campus workers is when the students are still in bed early in the morning, around eight.

If you just want less people in lines, the best time is in the afternoon when most of the classes start and the students are in classes, said Davidson.

Not everyone minds the wait, however.

Highline student Brooks Allen said, “Standing in lines can be a good thing.”

Allen says he gets to meet new people while he stands in line.

King Week returns with historical perspective

By GERSON TESFAYE
Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. week returns to Highline from Jan. 18-21 with a focus on the words of the late Civil Rights leader. “This year we added some programs on the history of Dr. King, because we found that many students didn’t know who he was,” said Natasha Burrowes, the assistant director of Student Programs, who is in her seventh consecutive year running MLK week.

Every year has its individual theme and this year it is “Fear and Logic in a Post-Civil Rights Era.”

Burrowes said widespread support on campus is what has led to the success of this event.

“The event has been so successful because of the campus-wide support from faculty, staff and students. The funds of the week have come from the Services & Activities fee, which have been allocated by Student Government. If we didn’t have that partnership we wouldn’t have this week,” she said.

“I think it’s important for us to keep the legacy of MLK and the work of civil rights moving forward and continue to evolve into a community that supports social justice, equality and peace,” said Burrowes.

MLK Week events will take place in Building 7 unless otherwise indicated in the schedule below:

• Tuesday, Jan. 18
  “Racial Politics of MLK,” lecture by Dr. Jared Ball, Morgan State University, 9-9:50 a.m.
  “Boondocks and Social Justice,” lecture by Dr. Jared Ball, 9-9:50 a.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 19
  “Empowering Ourselves for Positive Change,” lecture by former state legislator Velma Veloria, 9-9:50 a.m.
  “America: A Culture of Fear?” a discussion led by Highline student Shaquita Pressley, speaker of the caucuses, 2-3 p.m.

International Student Programs puts on skates

By RAINY HUANG
Staff Reporter

Highline’s International Student Program is now promoting an ice-skating outing at Kent Valley Ice Center on Friday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m., and the cost is $12 per person.

International Student Programs serves mostly for international students, and is a program to help them join as many activities as possible, and explore American culture and society.

Besides ice-skating for three hours in the afternoon, students can play pool as well. The ice center also provides food, hot coffee, and hot chocolate.

To join in this event, go to the International Student Programs office on the fifth floor of the library and sign up at the front desk.

A bus is also being provided for students who are unable to drive, which will meet at Building 7 at 1 p.m. on the day of the event.

“We welcome students and their friends and even families to join our activity. Studies here constantly misunderstand that International Student Program only serves for international students, but we also welcome local students,” said Leewan Li, who is a social event coordinator for the International Student Program.

“In fact, we wish more local students can join us, so that students can have more fun and learn more under a multicultural environment.”

International Student Programs officials say that 20 people signed up for the event in its first two days.
Editorial comment

Let your voice be heard

The time is now for Highline students to let their voices be heard. A rally is being held to give you the platform to express your concerns about higher educational fees and the needs of the students and faculty.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 noon - 5 p.m. the Olympia Rally will take place. Transportation will be provided from Highline. Sign up before Jan. 27 and receive a free t-shirt.

“Let Your Voice Be Heard!” is the theme of this year’s rally to Olympia, where 34 Washington colleges will gather to express their concerns about higher education with legislators.

During this legislative session, it would be beneficial to make an appearance as representatives of Highline if you have issues that affect your education. A charter bus will be provided for those who lack the ability to make it there any other way. The trip with your fellow student body on the charter bus will offer a sense of togetherness among the attendees. Student Government Vice President Victor Dominguez believes that this rally will raise legislative awareness and give a forum for Highline students to share their testimonies about their experience at Highline.

The entire country is feeling the crunch of the big black boot of recession coming down hard. School is the foundation at which to build a career on, making education paramount to the future social economic growth and development of the future generations to come.

In order to move effectively into a bright future with intelligence, tuition has to be affordable and classes more accessible. If this is an important topic to a student’s life, exercise your right to be heard.

Advice for new students

We are taught from a young age that we can be anything we want to be. While this is true, we tend to forget that success walks hand-in-hand with effort and hard work.

When entering college, this becomes extremely important to remember. College classes give more information in less time then a high school class, and following the trend of education, each successive class is more difficult.

Colleges get thousands of applications, and they cannot accept each and every person, which means that people who don’t care don’t get in. Failed classes and bad grades can haunt you forever, but if you are willing to exert some effort and ask for help when it’s needed, bad grades won’t be a problem. Too many students buy into the fallacy that asking for help makes them look stupid. But needed, bad grades won’t be a problem. Too many students buy into the fallacy that asking for help makes them look stupid. But.

It really isn’t that hard to excel. One of the most important factors in doing well is the oft-repeated mantra, “show up to class.”

No one can learn if he or she isn’t in class. If missing class is unavoidable, contact the instructor beforehand—out of courtesy, and also to find out what is going to be covered in class.

No one would just skip work for a day, so why is college any different?

The habits formed during a student’s time at college will inevitably stick with them throughout the rest of his or her life. Not only through the rest of their schooling, but also into the work place.

When someone gets into the habit of just skipping by in school, they will do only the bare minimum at work. The people who work hard are those who go above and beyond what is expected — are the ones who get rewarded. If we really, truly want something, we will sacrifice anything and do anything to get it. When it comes to what we want to do with our lives, the sacrifices we make and the things we do to excel in school are crucial to our success.
**HOCUS-FOCUS**
BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least ten differences in details between

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**MAGIC MAZE • REMOVE IT**

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**Crossword 101**

**By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)**

**Across**
1. Avis rentals
5. Common street name
9. Stun
14. Actor Baldwin
15. Glow
16. Fields of comedy
17. Jay of TV
18. Nutritional info
19. Illegal firing
20. “All The Way” warbler
23. “See ya!”
24. Hilo garland
25. A.A.R.P. members
28. Flashlight power source
30. Crown covering
32. New Deal inits.
33. “When I Fall in Love” warbler
37. Turkish river
39. Go public with
40. Elder, e.g.
41. “Rags to Riches” warbler
46. Suffix with differ
47. Chef Lagasse
48. Raise
50. Leaky tire sound
51. Conducted
53. Corker and Boxer: Abbr.
54. “Heartbreak Hotel” warbler
59. Doctrine
62. Give a darn
63. Bill Walton’s sch.
64. Hem again
65. Baseball stats
66. Gouda alternative
67. Early years
68. Computer info
69. IDs on IRS forms

**Down**
1. Young seal
2. Yankee, for one
3. Sofer of “Melrose Place”
4. Wall bracket
5. Sicilian white wine
6. Sound
7. Tehran’s locale
8. Like some sprays
9. Gazing fixedly
10. Jewish wedding dance
11. Tiebreakers, briefly
12. A.F.L.’s partner
13. Barbrie’s beau
14. Lights on ice
15. Puttin’ on the ritz
16. High schooler
17. Pottery oven
18. Hilo garland
21. Young seal
22. High schooler
25. Cashews
26. Computer info
27. Flashlight power source
28. PC inserts
29. Computer info
30. Crown covering
31. Campfire treats
32. Destinies
33. Summer shade
34. Relative
35. Furry
36. Neighbor of Isr.
37. PC inserts
38. Puffs of smoke
39. Mayor’s mate
40. “Heartbreak Hotel” warbler
41. Political topics
42. Cut into cubes
43. Political topics
44. St. ___ of Avila
45. Flair
46. Computer info
47. Chef Lagasse
48. Raise
49. Political topics
50. Elder, e.g.
51. “Rags to Riches” warbler
52. Political topics
53. Corker and Boxer: Abbr.
54. “Heartbreak Hotel” warbler
55. Poetry
56. Political topics
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**Trivia Test by Rodolfo**

1. LITERATURE: What was O. Henry’s real name?
2. RELIGION: What was the Holy Grail?
3. MOVIES: How many best-actor Oscar nominations did Spencer Tracy receive in his career?
4. GOVERNMENT: What are the two houses of the British Parliament called?
5. ANATOMY: What part of the human body does the disorder lumbago usually strike?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state lies west of Texas?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: During which president’s administration did Henry Kissinger become secretary of state?
8. MUSIC: For which war was the song “Over There” written?
9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by doraphobia?
10. HISTORY: When did Andrei Sakharov win the Nobel Peace Prize?

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**Answers**

1. William Sydney Porter
2. A vessel used by Jesus at the Last Supper
3. Nine
4. The House of Lords
5. The deck
6. __________
7. __________
8. “Over There”
9. A fear of fur
10. 1975

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**Most Common Passwords**

1. password
2. 12345
3. guest
4. the123
5. between
6. monkey
7. password
8. secret
9. admin
10. (your first name)

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**Quoteable Quote**

I want to do a musical movie. Like Evita, but with good music.

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**Top Ten**

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Highline wrestlers hitting stride at right time

After close loss to Clackamas, Highline has won 3 straight

By RICHARD MEIER
Staff Reporter

The men’s wrestling team is hitting its stride after letting a match slip against top-ranked Clackamas.

The Thunderbird wrestlers fell to top-ranked Clackamas in a close match early in December, but since have resiliently bounced back, throttling their three last opponents.

Highline squared off against Clackamas on Dec. 4, in Portland, Ore. in the Clackamas Dual. Highline fell to the top-ranked wrestling program in the country 21-18.

Highline’s 149-pound All-American Jason Gray pinned Clackamas’ Kaleb Cook in 4:57.

Transfer student Eric Jones had a strong showing against Clackamas in the 157 weight class defeating Billy Goldsberry in a 6-2 decision. Highline also was the victor in two more matches when Highline’s 197-pound Daren Faber pinned Clackamas’ Jordan Krich in 3:31 and Highline’s Steven Romero received the win by way of forfeit.

The Highline wrestlers were susceptible to several mental mistakes and let one slip away, said Head Coach Scott Norton.

“We had a real chance to beat Clackamas,” he said. “There were three matches that could have gone in our favor. We made some mental mistakes and some guys who we counted on winning got pinned or made a mistake.”

However, letting one slip through their grasp to Clackamas may have been a good thing for the wrestling team. Given the fact that the both the coaching staff and team itself believe they lost the match and Clackamas didn’t win it, it has led to more focus during practice and more intense training.

“If anything we’ve strengthened our team [since Clackamas] based on how we’ve competed,” Norton said. “I’d definitely say we’re a team that other teams are keeping their eye on. If we get on a roll we definitely have a chance to go far.”

Highline’s first chance to redeem itself after falling to Clackamas came against Southwestern Oregon in the SOCC Dual on Dec. 10.

Highline bounced backed with ease, crushing the men from Oregon 22-6.

Highline wrestlers won eight of the 10 matches.

Highline followed its victory over Southwestern Oregon the following day when they faced Pacific University Dec. 11 in Forest Grove, Ore.

Highline repeated its performance against Southwestern Oregon, defeating Pacific 24-9.

The men were led by decisive wins by Jason Gray, who defeated Devan Silva by fall; Eric Jones, who defeated Cody Kramer in a 9-0 decision; Casey Park (174), in a 3-2 decision; Caleb Padgett (184), in a 8-2 decision, and Daren Faber, who defeated Pacific’s Ron Neu, 8-1. Highline also scored two victories by forfeit.

Highline had a 28-day break until its next meet and the coaching staff and team made sure to utilize its time off.

“(Coach) Norton has a good cardio workout and the weather is the only thing that stops us from doing our cardio,” 125-pound Jason Romero said. “When we run we usually two or three miles at a time, but he does a good job of mixing it up from just running by throwing in 200 sprints to help us gain speed and explosion on the mat. Also to better myself I like to try and workout for a half an hour when I have free time between team practice and school work.”

However, cardio and endurance is only one half of Highline’s training regimen.

“We have a lot of guys who can do everything. So we drill different moves and our put into groups with guys who are a few weight classes higher than us,” he said. “It’s good to split into groups because we get guys with different skills, some guys who are stronger and others who are faster. Our group drills definitely help improve everyone’s skills.”

“In addition to preparing ourselves physically, All-American Jason Gray has given his teammates a steady reminder as to the importance of nutrition.

“I know a lot of guys keep up on the nutrition and take vitamins but a lot of guys have been off and on nutrition, so I’ve had to talk to them. One minute they are on and others they aren’t and it shows," Gray said. “You can tell when guys aren’t at their best so it’s important to stay consistent with our nutrition.

Following the time off, Pacific was given the opportunity to seek revenge against Highline when they faced off for a rematch at home on Jan. 8.

However, Highline once again proved to be too much for the men from Pacific, defeating them again 35-14.

Highline once again was fueled by wins from Steven Romero, Tyler Wooding, Shaun Olvaris, Jason Gray, Eric Jones, and Daren Faber.

Highline currently sits in fourth place in the NWAC’s and 16th in NICAA national rankings, but the wrestlers are optimistic that their best is ahead of them.

“At the beginning the guys didn’t really believe in themselves but now they are starting to believe in themselves. If they can do that as the season goes on and we have a real chance for a national title,” he said.

Highline’s Daren Faber dominates Pacific’s Ron Neu.

Even through Gray’s optimism, he still understands the importance of remaining hungry and putting forth the hard work and dedication required to contend for a national title and he has tried to instill that into his teammates.

“I pretty much am expecting the team to come to practice every day and keep up the intensity and keep working hard. Keeping up intensity, working hard and maintaining our nutrition is the most important things,” he said.

“I pretty much have the mentality to never give up and I try and tell my guys the same thing. I’ve pretty much told them to have the mentality to pull through anything and get the win” Gray continued. “I tell them not to get down on themselves and give it their all. A match is only a few minutes long so we have to never give up and keep working hard no matter what happens.”

Coach Norton is adamant in preching to his team the importance of remaining hungry and having faith in themselves moving forward. The talent is there and the pieces in place but they have to believe in each other and more important-ly in themselves, he said.

“We got all our starters through [finals week], so now we just need to focus on working hard and get ready for nationals. The duals are nice practice and a measure of where we are but it’s in preparation for national’s,” Norton said. “Our main focus is to believe that we’re the best. Once we start believing that we’re the best then we can seriously compete for nationals. Right now we have three or four guys that can do that if they get their minds right and prepare right.”

The Highline men’s wrestling team next competes at home on Saturday Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the NIC Dual where they host North Idaho.
Lady T-birds’ 2-0 record in league lands them in second

By JOSHUA HART
Staff Reporter

The Highline’s women’s basketball team currently sits with a 2-0 record in league play and a 6-6 record overall.

After finishing with a 9-7 record in league play last year, the team felt they could improve on that this year, especially with a team comprised mainly of sophomores.

“We felt we could compete for a league championship and place at the NWAACC tournament,” Head Women’s Basketball Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said.

The team started off the season with a loss, 51-49, against the No. 1-ranked team in the NWAACC Horizon Air Polls, Columbia Basin.

Highline had a tough pre-season schedule that pitted them against several ranked teams while competing in three tournaments.

Preseason tournaments help them prepare for the mindset of the postseason NWAACC tournament, Rowe Mosley said.

In the NWAACC tournament, Rowe Mosley said teams play for four days and they must win three of them. The preseason tournaments are very similar.

Their first tournament was a long trip to Clackamas, a city just south of Portland, to play in the Clackamas Thanksgiving Invite. The tournament started Nov. 26. Highline won the first and lost the next two in this tournament.

In their first game they beat Whatcom by seven points, 73-66. They had a lot of help from sophomore forward Jocelyn Jones. She put up 17 points, shooting above 50 percent from the field to go along with five rebounds and four assists.

Highline then lost to the host and No. 2-ranked Clackamas, 83-31.

They also lost their last game of the Invite, 79-50, to No. 9 Southwest Oregon.

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Their next tournament was at Bellevue Bulldog Classic, a much shorter trip than their previous tournament. The Classic took place from Dec. 3-5. They took third place by winning two of three games.

Their first game of the Classic they blew out Everett 80-44, thanks to sophomore guard Carol Howard. She had 15 points, shooting 60 percent from the field including three 3-pointers. Howard also contributed seven rebounds.

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The Lady Thunderbirds show signs of improvement

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The Lady T-Birds goes on the road to face Lower Columbia on Jan. 15 and then travels to play Pierce in another road game on Jan. 19.
The No. 5 ranked Highline men’s basketball team got off to a slow start this season losing two of its first three games. But the men quickly regained their footing having since won eight consecutive games to take their once 1-2 record to 9-2.

Most recently to open up league play Highline defeated South Puget Sound and Clark last week to give them a 2-0 record within league.

The Thunderbird men opened up the season with a victory over South Puget Sound 72-56 Monday, Jan. 3.

Highline’s freshman forward Robert Christopher led the team with 19 points. Highline sophomore PJ Bolte added 18 points and was six for six from the free-throw line.

The Thunderbird men followed their win over South Puget Sound with a second consecutive victory in league play defeating Clark on the road, Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Thunderbird got off to a quick start and defeated the Penguins 67-59 to hand Clark its second loss of the season.

“We played pretty hard and competed well. We played smarter and with more discipline as the game went on,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. “We were cohesive and stayed focused on the mission.”

Dawson was happy about the result but said, “We need more discipline on both ends of the floor.”

Looking forward to this year’s division, the T-Birds know it’s going to be a challenge, Dawson said.

“Our division is ridiculously tough. It will be a dogfight. The teams that stay the most consistent focused will have the most success. We have every ability to be that team if we want to commit to it,” said Dawson.

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Highline is doing well but recognizes that there is still room for improvement.

“We are winning games and dealing with adversity well for the most part. We need more defensive discipline and are still nowhere as offensively efficient as we need to be,” said Dawson. The Thunderbirds played Green River Wednesday, Jan. 12, with results unavailable at press time.

Lower Columbia will host Highline Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Red Devils currently sit in fifth place with a 2-1 league record and 9-3 overall season record.

Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD
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By Bryanna Robbins

Staff Reporter

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By Kandi Carlsson

Staff Reporter

Non-fiction writer Ann Rule is coming to Highline Jan. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

Rule will be visiting the campus to promote her latest book, In the Still of the Night about a mother’s quest to find the truth about her daughter’s death.

Bookstore manager Laura Nole invited Rule to the campus to discuss her book and answer questions, followed by a book signing.

Rule was the first author to come to mind when Nole decided she was looking to invite a bestselling author to campus. Nole said that Rule was a first choice because they have known each other for a number of years and she is directly connected to the campus community.

“I first met Ann Rule at the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference back in the 80s. We have since crossed paths many times, so I just called her and invited her to come,” Nole said.

Rule is a Highline alumnus and a former Highline Foundation Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship donor.

She is very giving of her time and committed to the family in her latest book,” said Nole.

Her latest book features the story of a mother, Barbi Thompson, whose daughter’s death was determined to be a suicide in 1998.

Ronda Reynolds died of a gunshot wound in 1998, under what her mother considered suspicious circumstances. The Lewis County Coroner first declared her death undetermined, then suicide, back to undetermined and finally back to suicide again.

Thompson has vigilantly fought to figure out what happened in those moments of her daughter Ronda’s life.

Rule normally travels with Thompson but there was a scheduling conflict for her visit to Highline, Nole said.

However Rule will be available for anyone with an interest in writing, crime, the justice process, or if they simply enjoy a good book, Nole said.

If you are interested in attending, Rule will be in the Mt. Skokomish room of Building 8.

The event is free.

The bookstore is offering a 25 percent discount for anyone looking to purchase their own copy of In the Still of the Night that Rule can autograph at the end of the event.

By KATIE ADAMS

Staff Reporter

Casting Call will open Breeders Theater’s 10th season tomorrow at the E.B. Foote Winery in Burien.

Written by Highline professor and Breeders Theater founder T.M. Sell, Casting Call takes place at a major theater festival, where three actresses are trying out for the leading role in a play. Those actresses are wearing, it helps me figure out which play were are doing and on or see what the other actors are wearing, it helps me figure out which play were are doing.

“Dr. Taylor ran her classes like a conservatory program,” Scheide said, “I still use many of the warm-ups, vocal preparation and script analysis tools I learned from her.”

Cast alongside Scheide for this show are Andrew Smith, Laura Smith, Teresa Widner, Ericka Zabelle, and Eric Hartley.

“We have the unique opportunity to have the playwright available to us,” Widner said. “He will change things that don’t sound right as we work through it, and he will also listen when we think a line could be better. It’s a great relationship.”

“I’ve been told often by first time audience members,” she said, “that they didn’t know what to expect and in the same breath say ‘they’ve never had so much fun.’”

Casting Call is multiple plays within a play, which posed a challenge for Widner: the costumes. “Trying to remember what clothes come in the next scene is the biggest challenge,” she said. “Once I get the clothes on or see what the other actors are wearing, it helps me figure out which play were are doing and do they fit with the story.”

Casting Call will run Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 26-29, Feb. 2-5 at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.; matinees will be Jan. 16, 17, 23, and 30 at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the Jan. 26 show will be going to the Highline Foundation Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship.

Tickets for the show are $20, with the opportunity to taste E.B. Foote wines, and are available at E.B. Foote, 127-B SW 155th, Burien, 206-242-3852 or online at The Thunderword / January 13, 2011 arts 09
By JOSHUA NELSON
Staff Reporter

Pasco photographer Cliff Hare utilizes digital photography and composition as a way to show the complexity of the world and the beauty that lies therein. The Highline Library is showcasing a selection of Hare's photography on the 4th floor, and they will remain on display until the end of January. Students may visit the exhibit from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays; admission is free.

Hare began working with photography at age 15, using a small digital camera to snap photos of things he found interesting.

"Even at this early age I wasn't satisfied with the images as they stood," Hare said. He then began experimenting with digital editing in order to add more of himself and more personality into his work.

Since discovering the imperfections in the pixels of the digital images he was working with, Hare has maintained digital photography and editing as his preferred method of expression. The exhibit that Hare has set up in the Library is his attempt to show that "...the world is full of beautiful and terrifying places, some of these places exist in the world around us, some exist within ourselves."

This can easily be seen in the section of the exhibit entitled Masks, specifically the images titled Back on Track Again which is Hare's attempt to demonstrate recovering from the destruction of the ego and reacquiring confidence in oneself.

The exhibit is partitioned into three separate sections. The first is called Things I've Seen. This includes compositions of two or more images into one making up a complete new image that presents the viewer an insight into Hare's dreams. As the viewer moves around the exhibit, they come across the Masks section.

The last section, Hare has called Places I've Been. These prints are the closest to the raw images that Hare takes at the start of his editing process, and include areas around the globe that Hare deems noteworthy. Although his more complex prints take up to 12 hours to complete, it is plain to see that Hare takes the utmost care with each of his pieces, pouring as much of himself into the photos as possible.

Hare also has some advice for photographers attempting to break into the business:

"If you're an art photographer, it might be easier to get noticed if you use a medium other than digital. Many galleries are just as interested in process as content, the more unusual or old fashioned the better."

As well as photography, Hare has started an outside job along with his photography, he strongly encourages those with an interest to get their material out into the world.

For those interested in contacting Hare or in order to view more of his work not featured in the exhibit, visit his website at www.harephoto.com.

Olympic medalist Celski is MAD for filmmaking

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

A local company is M.A.D. Northwest for the Seattle art scene as they strive to promote a new generation of underground Northwest artists.

M.A.D. Northwest, short for M.A.D. Northwest name, is a film production company based in Seattle. Created by Northwest natives JR Celski, Daniel Torok, and Jeffrey Santos, this new company is working with local artists to raise awareness of Seattle's hidden gems.

Best known for his two short-track speed-skating medals in the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Celski was inspired to start the project after his impressive recovery following a gruesome injury at the Olympic Trials. Celski faced a potentially career-ending accident when he crashed during a race, leaving him with 60 stitches after the blade on his skate cut deep into his left thigh.

Many were skeptical on a timely recovery, however, Celski beat the odds and used his newfound empowerment to unite the three and create M.A.D. Northwest. Torok and Santos are the company's creative directors.

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They are currently working on a documentary entitled The Otherside, which will focus on the Seattle hip hop scene, while addressing the racial and cultural factors that artists often face.

They hope to complete the documentary this year and enter it in independent film festivals worldwide.

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During his summer internship with the King County Council, Celski learned from a University of Washington economics professor that Seattle's art scene is what could set the city apart, increasing tourism and helping the economy.

The company also works with local independent businesses, such as Goorin Brothers hat makers and Deli clothing boutique, to spread the brand names in and around the state.

As well as filming, the trio plans to host benefit shows and concerts.

Their first event was at the Seattle Children's Hospital where artists performed for the children and their families, aiming to inspire the kids through their stories of overcoming hardship.

As far as where M.A.D. Northwest will head in the future, Celski says it will all depend on the artists who will want to collaborate with the company after their documentary is premiered.

So far, they have worked with Seattle musicians such as Macklemore, Blue Scholars, Grynych, Vitamin D, Wizdom, Fresh Espresso, as well as breakdancing crew Massive Monkees.

The company is also working toward launching their website, www.madnorthwest.com, where they will post weekly artist spotlight events to give them coverage and exposure of their talent, all the while exposing the M.A.D. Northwest name.

The first artist spotlighted will be Solice Wonder, who is an urban street artist in Seattle.

"What sets Northwest hip hop apart is that it's different, there isn't one characteristic that is the same about everyone," said Celski. "We are using Seattle hip hop as an example that no matter what the skin color or background, anyone can become successful."

Through the company, the three men say they hope to get attention for the local artists, while supporting and engaging the surrounding businesses, and create something that Seattle can be proud of.

To learn more about M.A.D. Northwest, visit www.madnw.org, or follow them on Twitter @madnw.
Decontaminating the dirty Duwamish

Restoration plans are being put into effect to clean up river

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

The fate of the Duwamish River is at stake as restoration plans continue to be made.

The Duwamish River is one of the most industrialized waterways in Washington state and is listed as one of the most harmful waste sites statewide.

The river flows into Elliot Bay from where the Black River once joined the Green River in Tukwila, harboring a multitude of poisonous chemicals.

Federal officials are currently taking comments from the community to decide the actions that will be taken for the river’s restoration.

It was placed on the National Priorities List in 2001, also referred to as the Superfund List, making it one of the most contaminated sites in the country.

There are currently 42 different chemicals in the river that have built up over the past 100 years that are trapped in the river’s bottom.

“We want to get rid of this 100-year legacy of contamination,” said Allison Hiltner, project manager for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Once the pollutants get into the sediments, they stay for hundreds of years through the storm drains,” she said.

“The main risk for people far is from eating the resident fish, not from touching the water or playing on the beach,” said Renee Dagseth, the lead outreach coordinator for the EPA.

The restriction of eating the resident fish and shellfish high impacts the low-income and minority families living in the area, experts say.

The Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and Suquamish Tribes are also being affected, as the river is one of their main resources for obtaining food.

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“The Duwamish River is a home for industry and also for pollution. Local officials are planning the next steps in efforts to clean up the river and surrounding area.

People and creatures are being impacted by the pollution and those are reasons to clean the river, said Hiltner. The creatures that live on the river bottom are being affected and as the fish and otters eat the worms and clams in the mud, the pollutants sneak up the food chain.

The uncontrolled industrial pollution has built up, and the toxic chemicals are now up to 12 feet deep in the waterway,” Cummings said.

The contamination of the Duwamish; the daily lifestyles of community members are also to blame.

Stormwater runoff from city streets carry oil, grease, fertilizers, and other toxic chemicals that eventually flow into the river through storm drains and overburdened combined sewage overflows.

Along the waterway is a 32 square mile stretch of housing basins, drains, and pipes that channel the stormwater into the river that become an issue as South Seattle’s overflowing wastewater is among the last to be upgraded and controlled, Cummings said.

“It’s going to end up impacting everybody; this is not just about the environment,” she said.

“On rainy days, you can see sediments in Elliot Bay coming from the Duwamish that come...”

Katie Adams/THUNDERWORD

The community is responsible for the pollutants in the Duwamish River that result from recreational boating.
Students afraid of rising tuition costs

By TAYLOR LUNKA
Staff Reporter

With the possibility of tuition prices rising many students at Highline fear that their education will be put in danger. The state Legislature, now in session in Olympia, is expected to consider tuition hikes as part of a package to plug a $4.6 billion revenue gap in its 2010-11 budget. Several of Highline’s students say they don’t know if they will be able to continue their education on campus with the rising costs.

Student Nancy McPherson fears what will happen in the future. "I won’t be able to continue my education. This is very frustrating because I want to better myself, but money is stopping me," he said. Also having a daughter in college does not make paying for tuition any easier on her either. Along with McPherson, are many students who say they feel the same way. "I already work two jobs and I’m still in school. School is my third job- this would be impossible for me," said Highline student Brooke Best. "How am I going to do that?"

"It makes me feel a little frustrated I have to adjust my life," student Eduard Kavlish said about having to go to work more and attend school less. While some fear the higher costs will put a stop to their education, other students worry about how many classes they will be able to afford.

Brittany Clark, a sophomore at Highline, is on the fence about rising tuition. "It won’t put me behind, but if I wanted to take more than two classes every quarter I’d be limited if those changes do happen," she said. Clark has considered working full-time hours and cutting classes she is taking in order to balance her time and checkbooks. Other students wouldn’t mind the tuition hike as long as it means getting their education.

"Personally, it wouldn’t affect me, I would still pay for it," said first-year student Amanda Yahu. "You have to do what you have to do."

Student Erik Westover agrees. "Tuition is pretty reasonable," he said. He said he would pay at least double or triple of what he pays now to attend Highline if tuition prices rise.

While some students like Yahu and Westover are fine with prices, students like Charlie Yabu and Westover are worried that tuition prices have gone out of control. "I don’t know why education is so high, it should be free," he said.

Bobo said higher tuition will not only pose a problem for him now, but the high price sticker would continue to be a problem for him after he leaves Highline. "I’m already crawling and it’ll be a burden later in life," he said.

At the same time, two new states had been admitted into the union, Kansas and Nebraska. Both were waiting to become either an anti- or pro-slavery state. People from both the north and south flooded into the new states to vote on making them anti-slavery or pro-slavery. This caused a lot of fighting, mainly in Kansas.

"They refer to this as Bloody Kansas," Dr. McMannon said.

Next week’s seminar, Jan. 19 in Building 3, room 102 from 3–220 p.m., will be “The Gospel of Judas.”

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By KRISTEN REMETO
Staff Reporter

The elections today are less violent than those in the 19th century. Especially the election of 1861, because it became something to kill about.

Dr. McMannon hosted a recent History Seminar on the 1861 election which set the stage for the American Civil War. The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, the EPA, and the state of the river depends on the community to get involved. This is held twice a year to pick up trash where the contamination is coming from, Hiltnor said.

The Department of Ecology is also working to clean up the contaminated soil, groundwater, stormwater, and to control the drainage basin where great-er Seattle and Tukwila drain into the river, she said.

The state of the river depends not only on the city’s cleanup efforts, but the actions of the community as well. "There is a part that all of us can play by using less toxic products, making sure that the oil from our cars doesn’t go into the storm drains, and by going to car washes that recycle water rather than letting it drain into the river," said Dagseth, from the EPA.

The Duwamish River Clean-up Coalition along with the EPA encourages those in the community to give their opinions on the feasibility study and cleanup alternatives.


To learn more about these events, visit www.du-wamishalive.org.

It is all a matter of spreading the word, getting involved, and becoming an active voice, said Cummings.

For more about the Duwamish River restoration efforts you can visit www.ldwg.org or www.duwamishcleanup.org.

Official EPA fact sheets and documents are also available at www.yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/lduwamish.
AIDS awareness is still the most important part of prevention, said Highline professor Dr. Bob Baugher.

Dr. Baugher has been teaching Understanding AIDS at Highline since 1989.

"On the first day of class [in 1989] there were three students in the classroom," Dr. Baugher said.

Now, on average, 20 or more students are on the waitlist each quarter, he said.

AIDS education is common in the U.S., but the number of new cases continues to grow, while other country’s numbers are declining by nearly 25 percent.

Most people in the U.S. know how to protect themselves from HIV by practicing safe sex. However, Dr. Baugher attributed some of the rise due to poor decision making during arousal, which was found in a recent study.

Highline students interviewed on campus were asked if they knew how to protect themselves against HIV and if they had been formally educated about the disease. Nearly every student was aware of prevention measures.

Only one student had not learned about AIDS in a classroom. He was home-schooled in the U.S.; however he expressed a clear knowledge of the issue and how to protect himself.

A group of Korean students also said they were not formally educated in Korea, but since they had lived in the U.S. they had been.

Students from Somalia and Kenya said they had extensive HIV education in their countries of origin.

Unfortunately education was minimal in the early ’80s because the threat was not yet known. Doctors were puzzled by the disease.

In July of 1981 the Centers for Disease Control reported that AIDS was not a threat to heterosexuals since all known cases at the time were of gay men.

As reports of intravenous drug users contracting HIV came in, the assumption of the disease being limited to homosexuals quickly changed.

By the end of 1983 a total of 3,064 cases had been reported, almost half of them had already died.

With the number of cases quickly growing, communities across the country began organizing awareness programs.

To date the number of individuals infected with HIV worldwide has grown to over 33 million since the first cases were identified in 1981. Today doctors and scientists are making progress in treating the disease in ways never thought of before.

More than half a million people have died in the U.S. from AIDS since 1981. Currently in Washington, 10,532 people are infected with HIV.

In King County alone there are 6,575 people living with HIV or AIDS.

The Washington State Department of Health reports these numbers are growing by 4 percent each year.

Although the gay male community makes up for more than half of the new cases reported nationwide each year, the fastest growing group of new cases is found in African-American women.

In Washington the number of new cases each year is dominated by Caucasian men, however a disproportionate number of cases among minority groups exist in Washington and across the country.

In Washington alone the rate of HIV infection among African-American men is more than 4 times that of Caucasian men, at approximately 50 cases per 100,000.

Two times that of Caucasians for Hispanic men.

Dr. Baugher said the high occurrence of HIV infection among minorities is largely due to poverty. People living in poverty are less likely to be tested for STDs, said Dr. Baugher.

In response to such issues, the Centers for Disease Control announced in September 2010 an allocation of $33 million for the National AIDS/STD Prevention and Care Program.

The money will benefit several programs with regard to AIDS awareness and prevention in the U.S.

The funding will focus on HIV testing in Chicago, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Houston, Los Angeles, Maryland, New York City, Philadelphia, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and Texas, said Nikki Mayes of the Centers for Disease Control.

Each area will receive over $1 million for various HIV/AIDS programs. These areas have the highest concentration of infection in the U.S.

Other portions of the funding will support an HIV reporting website for gay men. "At this point there is no time frame for that [completion] yet," Mayes said.

"As of April 2008, all states had implemented confidential name-based HIV infection reporting," said Mayes.

"In King County prevention measures begin with awareness, but have a focus on widespread testing for at-risk populations," said Kathryn Ross. Ross is a public information officer for Seattle and King County Public Health.

The King County STD Clinic in Seattle sees approximately 55 patients per day and offers low or no-cost testing. Nearly every community in King County offers some sort of STD/HIV prevention and care program.

The problem is that widespread testing is not enough.

To encourage African American men to get tested, the Center for Multicultural Health in Seattle offers a $20 payment for them to get tested. This is in hopes of lowering the spread of HIV among the black community via personal awareness.

Along with several government programs, a number of volunteer organizations are also helping to spread awareness and provide care for HIV and AIDS patients. Bailey-Boushay House in Seattle is one such organization.

As the first AIDS hospice in the country, Bailey-Boushay has housed patients with AIDS since June of 1992.

The organization was built entirely on volunteer work and donations.

Baiiley-Boushay specializes in chronic care management of HIV/AIDS patients and in the past was the final home for many AIDS patients.

Today with new medications emerging every year, people infected with HIV are living longer and many are able to go home, said Brian Knowles, executive director of Bailey-Boushay.

New medications are helping to prolong the progression from AIDS, page 14

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See AIDS, page 14
Researchers are continuing to seek answers for the origin of AIDS which has remained as much of a mystery as the cure for AIDS.

Tracy Brigham, one of Highline’s physical education and nutrition instructors, spoke on the origin of AIDS theories at a recent History Seminar.

The History Seminar is a weekly event, featuring Highline faculty who present topics in their fields of expertise.

“Through a survey of researchers from the University of Alabama, I found a number of studies that had found a type of SIV (Simian Immunodeficiency Virus), found in monkeys, that was almost identical to HIV-1,” Brigham said.

As a result of these findings, many believed that the virus had crossed species. It’s suspected that while hunting, the chimpanzee’s blood would enter into the wounds and cuts of the hunter.

“Once inside the human host, the SIV on a few occasions adapted itself to become HIV-1,” said Brigham.

Another approach to explain where AIDS started is called the oral polio vaccine theory. “In his book, The River, the journalist Edward Hooper suggests that HIV can be traced to the testing of an oral polio vaccine called Chat, given to about a million people in the Belgian Congo, Rwanda and Burundi in the late 1950s,” Brigham said.

The immunization theory is similar to the oral polio vaccine theory. “During the immunization crusades of the 1950s and 1960s, millions of injections were unsafely administered throughout Africa,” she said.

“The process of multiple injections could cause a speedy mutation of the HIV into the virulent virus we know of today,” Brigham said.

Because of these practices, many believe that medical injections may have been the main method of transmission throughout Africa in the early years of AIDS.

The colonialism theory is similar to the immunization theory and is based on the basic hunter theory premise, but further explains how the original infection could have led to an epidemic, Brigham said.

“In the late 19th and early 20th century during colonial rule in Africa, many Africans were forced into labor camps,” said Brigham.

Due to the scarcity of food and poor sanitation, it is likely that the workers would’ve eaten any available food, including chimpanzees possibly affected by SIV.

“On top of the lack of food, many laborers would also have been inoculated with unsterile needles and camps actively employed prostitutes, creating numerous possibilities for onward transmission,” Brigham said.

“So many say that HIV is a conspiracy theory or that it is man-made,” she said.

A recent survey carried out in the U.S. identified a significant number of Americans who believe HIV was manufactured as part of a biological warfare program, designed to wipe out large populations, Brigham said.

“While none of these theories can be definitively disproved, the evidence given to back them up is usually based upon supposition and speculation, and ignores the clear link between SIV and HIV or the fact that the virus has been identified in people as far back as 1959,” Brigham said.

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HIV to AIDS, lessening the need for long term hospice care for many infected individuals.

One such drug, S/GSK1349572, has been reported to not only treat the progression of the virus, but also prevent contraction of HIV. The New England Journal of Medicine released a study on Nov. 24, 2010 showing an increased protective benefit from the drug.

The study found that the drug lowered the risk to the men studied by 40 percent. Researchers believe that the number could be as high as 95 percent with timely, daily regimens.

New drugs that are available lower the instance of AIDS progression by suppressing the virus, enabling the immune system to begin to rebuild itself.

A person’s status is changed to HIV if their CD4 count falls below 400, said Pat Migliore, a long-term survivor of HIV.

She said the CD4 cell count, more commonly known as T-cells, of a non-infected person are usually between 800 and 1200. CD4 cells affect the body’s ability to fight against infection.

People with AIDS ultimately die from opportunistic infections that would otherwise be combated by a healthy person’s immune system. AIDS itself does not kill the patient.

Migliore’s battle against HIV began in 1986. The emotional impact was great.

In her quest for normality she began speaking about her disease to groups in hopes of creating awareness.

With awareness being at the top of the list for prevention, there are several classes at Highline that cover the issue, including Dr. Baughers’s Understanding AIDS course.

Tracy Brigham has been teaching Global Health Issues at Highline for 11 years and says that perception of the disease has improved over the years. In the ’80s there was a stigma for gay men and drug users as the only people who got AIDS.

“The good news is that with treatment people are living a lot longer with HIV and AIDS nowadays,” said Brigham.

Access to medication in the U.S. is high, especially when compared to developing countries.

Many developing countries lack treatment for a variety of reasons, mostly because there’s no access to medication, Brigham said.

“HIV/AIDS is the number one killer in Sub-Saharan Africa. About 70 percent of all AIDS cases in the world are in Sub-Saharan Africa, and close to 90 percent of the death toll of AIDS is in Sub-Saharan Africa,” said Brigham.

Although Americans are well aware of the disease, the numbers of new cases continues to grow, Brigham said.

“Uganda was actually the first country to see their numbers go down.”

“In 1986 they had about a 30 percent prevalence rate, now it is down to about 5 percent,” Brigham added.

Education starts very young in other countries, Brigham said.

“I think AIDS has been put on the back burner [in the U.S.] while we hear more about SARS or bird flu,” she said.
Students ask legislators to spare colleges from budget axe

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER | Staff Reporter

Students spoke to legislators last week about the need for Highline to remain an affordable college.

Highline students shared their personal experiences at the Student Government legislative breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 6, trying to persuade legislators to keep Highline accessible for all students.


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Several students shared their reasons why Highline needs to remain available to current and future students.

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This is why she wants to keep Highline accessible for future students, Afichuk said.

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"I think that Regent Cole’s remarks reflect his perspective, not facts,” said Dr. Jack Bermingham, Highline president.

Dr. Bermingham said he believes it is important to acknowledge the success of the transfer students throughout the state, many of whom may not have been able to access a higher education if it weren’t for their enrollment in a community college.

Highline Director of the Transfer Center Siew Lai Lilley has worked with many of those students personally. "I have worked with tons of transfer students over the years who have transferred successfully to the baccalaureate colleges and universities," Lilley said. "Of course you would expect a large number of bachelor degree holders from a community college," Cole said, because four-year institutions reserve around 30 percent of their admissions for transfers from community colleges.

“I’m concerned about the quality of education,” Cole said, because quality makes it hard to maintain quality. Cole said that he believes many colleges are being active in their community and thought it was time to move on, that he had the time to devote to a teaching career.

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